

BRITISH SOLDIERS ANGRY AT RETREAT

Men in Best of Condition, but Don't Understand Necessity for Falling Back

COUNTRY IS DEVASTATED

Fighting Along Line of German Advance Is Incessant and Desperate

LONDON, September 5 (2:50-5 A. M.).—The correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company at Ferrières, near Paris, says:

"Our men, though cheerful, are angry at the continued retreat. They don't understand it and need no convincing. They are all amazed at the unending numbers of the Germans. They say: 'The more you kill of them, the more there are.' They are all eager to go on fighting in the open air, good fight."

"The fighting along the line of the German advance has been incessant and desperate. I told a horse that I wanted to add another to my collection. I showed him the only horse I had."

for sale, with the warning that the animal was not in the best condition. "Anything I said the officer, he will last," he said. "I have not seen an average since the war began." He had already had four horses shot under him.

The war is very hard on the horses, and the condition of some of the poor beasts which I've seen passing southward toward Paris would better not be mentioned. The army is still in it in every sense of the word, and its transport is intact, and fills the road with a column of motor vans nearly as long as the army.

The country through which the armies have passed is devastated.

NIGHT OF FULL MOON

"The weather is splendid. These nights of full moon have not been wasted by the Germans, who move forward by night as well as by day. They take their advantage, gained on the road to Paris under the harvest moon."

"That the Germans are in a great hurry is plain. They advance regardless of risks and sacrifice. The speed at which their advance is the cause of constant wonder to people."

"At a village which was full of troops a few days ago no attempt was made to halt them. The allies troops moved back, and save for rear guard actions, the German army continued to march from LaFere to the lines of Paris unopposed.

"The march of the German right of Paris was a straight course, as well as its cyclonic speed and force. Leaving Lille, Arras, Amiens and Beauvais untouched, they have marched like an arrows flight.

"The march along the road the mobilization of the French territorial army is in full swing, and the train

"Hunger, thirst and the suffering from the heat are the lot of the fugitives to the coast. Even the cross-channel steamers are so packed that it is hard to fill one's lungs with sea air.

"The war is already alive birth to numerous stories of unknown origin which are spread among the folk-lore legends. One of these is a rumour that the French armies carry so-called turpin powder, which is supposed to asphyxiate Germans by companies and battalions."

WILLIS SUCCEEDS ELLIOTT

Tendered Position as Secretary of Federal Reserve Board.

[Special to The Washington Post.]

WASHINGTON, September 5.—Upon the recommendation of Representative Charles McNary, chairman of the House Banking Committee, Professor Parker Willis, now of the University of Washington and formerly professor of economics of Washington and Lee University, has been tendered the secretaryship of the Federal Reserve Board, to succeed Milton C. Elliott, formerly of Richmond, Mr. Elliott having been selected as counsel to the board.

As chairman of the House Banking Committee, McNary has previously employed Professor Willis to do exper-

work when the committee was preparing and considering the new banking bill.

Representative Glass will deliver an address at Buckroe Beach on Monday to the Federation of Labor of Virginia.

BILL REPORTED TO HOUSE

Designed to Relieve American Commerce Halted by European War.

WASHINGTON, September 5.—The administration bill, providing for the creation of \$10,000,000 corporation

controlled by the government, to purchase merchant steamers for the relief of American commerce halted by the European war, was reported to the

House today, carrying amendments proposed by the Naval Committee and agreed to by the President. These will make the company's fleet available for naval auxiliary use, and also provide

that present naval auxiliaries be employed by the company if needed.

RELIEF ITEMS DISCUSSED

Men in Conference.
MONTGOMERY, ALA., September 5.—

naval stores market situation were discussed by a committee of ten prominent naval stores factors, at an executive meeting here to-day. Plans adopted by the committee, it is expected, will

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The committee of ten was appointed here a week ago at a meeting of naval stores dealers called to devise plans

for relief of the industry which has been seriously hampered by the European war.

GERMAN DOCTORS AT FRONT

Serious Outbreak.
LONDON, September 5 (8:15 A. M.).—

"Private letters show that owing to the fact that many German doctors are at the front, Berlin is finding it difficult to cope with another epidemic."

"Enormous numbers of wounded are

arriving at Vienna, where, owing to the meat famine, the people have been compelled to become vegetarians."
